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FORMER CALIFORNIA LAWYER SENTENCED TO 20 YEARS FOR ROLE IN CROSS COUNTRY METH CONSPIRACY

PRESS RELEASE

Timothy M. Morrison, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that MICHAEL AVERY, 62, North Hollywood, California, was sentenced to 240 months imprisonment late yesterday by U.S. District Chief Judge Sarah Evans Barker following his guilty plea to conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute and/or distribute over 50 grams of pure methamphetamine. This case was the result of a six month investigation by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration in Indianapolis and Louisville, and the Indiana State Police.

AVERY was the source of supply of over four and a half kilograms of pure methamphetamine or "ice" that he sent to individuals in the New Albany, Indiana area in mid to late 2005. The investigation revealed that AVERY, who at the time was a practicing lawyer in the State of California, used Federal Express and other courier services to ship varying amounts of pure methamphetamine to Gary Carter and Dale Hornfeck in Southern Indiana.

Carter and Hornfeck previously entered guilty pleas and were sentenced to terms of imprisonment of 168 months and 228 months, respectively.

According to Assistant U. S. Attorney Barry D. Glickman, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Barker also imposed 10 years supervised release following AVERY's release from imprisonment.

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